

GOSSIP NEWS ABOUT
ALL KINDS OF SPORTSPitching Averages Show Revelle,
Fox and Doane Leaders of
Virginia League.

WITH THE BIG LEAGUES

Motor Races Coming Event
Local Horses at Pimlico—Crew
May Enter Regatta.BY CARROLL F. FITZGERALD,
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John Fox, of Norfolk, R. H. Revelle, of Richmond, and Walter R. Doane, of Roanoke, are by long odds the best pitchers in the Virginia League. There are some others who haven't had the same show, and have not figured in enough games to let their true worth be shown. One especially, Thursday of Portsmouth, suffered an injury to his pitching arm, and as he had settled down to his best work.

Forty-seven pitchers have been signed by the six clubs since the season opened, or nearly eight to a club. This indicates that managers have been disappointed in their try-outs. There are comparatively few of the box artists now represented in the circuit who began work in Virginia at the beginning of last season. The following records include the games of last Thursday. Revelle has not pitched since, and Doane's only appearance was in Saturday's game, which resulted in a tie score.

Players.	Pitching Averages.	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	Pct.
Edmundson	2.0	0	0	1.000	
Howard	1.0	0	0	1.000	
Stacy	1.0	0	0	1.000	
Emerson	1.0	0	0	1.000	
Waymack	2.0	0	0	1.000	
Verdon	1.0	0	0	1.000	
Revelle	23.8	1	7.41		
Doane	24.9	0	.727		
Johnson	1.0	0	.500		
Reynolds	12.7	0	.613		
Loos	12.8	0	.613		
Schumann	12.8	0	.613		
Andrews	12.8	0	.613		
Oley	12.8	0	.613		
Volz	12.8	0	.613		
Smith	12.8	0	.613		
Hale	12.8	0	.613		
Hamilton	12.8	0	.613		
Forrester	12.8	0	.613		
Robertson	12.8	0	.613		
Griffin	12.8	0	.613		
Walker	12.8	0	.613		
Mayberry	12.8	0	.613		
Temple	12.8	0	.613		
Billard	12.8	0	.613		
Sparks	12.8	0	.613		
Ashburn	12.8	0	.613		
Huffman	12.8	0	.613		
Bussey	12.8	0	.613		
Vernuelle	12.8	0	.613		
Verdon	12.8	0	.613		
Fox	12.8	0	.613		
Orten	12.8	0	.613		
Walters	12.8	0	.613		
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Savage	12.8	0	.613		
Wolf	12.8	0	.613		
Burns	12.8	0	.613		
Caruthers	12.8	0	.613		
Gravely	12.8	0	.613		
Twilshire	12.8	0	.613		
Walters	12.8	0	.613		
Kline	12.8	0	.613		

"The grandstand was unusually severe on Umpire Pender, whom they charged with favoring the visitors, and the impression is fast gaining ground here that the dope is in at Norfolk. The fight against Roanoke, some very ugly charges were made at the grounds."—Lynchburg special to The Times-Dispatch in an account of the game played in the Hill City Saturday.

At this distance it is impossible to tell what the actual feeling is in Lynchburg, but we do know that several of the clubs would rather see any team in the circuit land the pennant than the Highlanders. This, rather surprising as it is, is due to the fact that as we know, played exceptionally clean ball. The only charge brought against them is in regard to the manner in which Doane was secured, but of this deal Manager Shaughnessy, during his recent visit here, said to the writer: "I can't help but feel that we are to be beaten by the Highlanders, but I don't think they can pull us down by clean baseball. We play honestly, and seldom make a kick. I don't make charges against anybody." As we understand it, Roanoke was deprived of a game for the game played in Lynchburg, which went even innings, but their protest of a game which Norfolk has never been passed upon. The cases seem to be about parallel, and we think the National Commission would allow both games to stand.

The announcement that Pitcher Robert Vall had been picked up by Richmond, and will join the team in Norfolk to-day is a great surprise to the baseball-going public in this community. Vall, since his return to the Virginia League this season, has been nothing but a failure. In fact, he was not found to be good enough for Portsmouth. Vall, when he is going good, is an excellent pitcher, but it has been some time since he showed very great winning ability. He is one of the many minor league twirlers who did not benefit much by big league experience.

The Colts will leave this morning for a series of four games with Norfolk. In commenting on the coming series, a Norfolk sporting writer claims that "Wynne is determined to give the visitors a fair chance. He don't intend to do anything that will give Perry Lips' men an opportunity to offer excuses, which depends on how much he can win. He will win three of the four the pennant race will be much closer. The double-header will be played Wednesday. A rooter's excursion will be run from Richmond, and the local contingent will make things lively. A brass band will sit in the section of the grandstand set apart for the visiting enthusiasts.

It seems that the midseason prediction that the American League race would end in a close finish between four clubs is about to come true. The Detroit Americans, who several weeks ago were picked for sure winners, have been beaten by the Philadelphia Athletics, and the Boston are right at the heels of the leaders. Eleven games out of fifteen from Detroit is a good record for Connie Mack's nine, and tells why the Athletics are the team to take the pennant. The New York Nationals, who have lost seven out of nine games, have proven a great disappointment to Manager Jennings, as he has been taken out of the box often for ineffectiveness.

New York's wonderful record in taking four out of five games from Chicago, did much to help the Pittsburgh team, and to give it a substantial advantage. Their winning streak put the Giants in striking distance of the top, and it is not impossible for them to take the 1909 pennant. The New York Nationals cleared about \$300,000 last year, and bid fair to duplicate the trick this season.

The team has been playing on velvet for some time. With Wagner back in the gateway, it is probable the Pirates are not destined to receive another fright this year, although the Giants seem to be about the only team that can lower Chicago's colors.

Pitcher Gus Salve, who was with Richmond for two seasons, is doing great work for the Potomac (Pa.) team, of the Tri-State League. He pitched and won both games of a double-header at Trenton, and the New York Nationals cleared about \$300,000 last year, and bid fair to duplicate the trick this season.

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